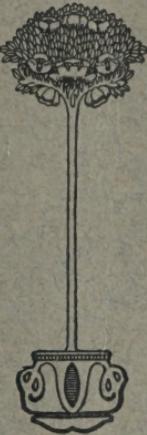






# Annual Report

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE  
Town of Madison



For the Fiscal Year Ending  
February 15, 1916



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# ANNUAL REPORT

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# Town of Madison

For the Fiscal Year Ending February 15th

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# Treasurer's Report

TO THE TOWN OF MADISON:

In compliance with Chapter 40, Section 10, of the General Laws of the State of New Hampshire, I hereby submit a report of all my financial transactions as Town Treasurer during the financial year ending February 15, 1916.

## RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury as per last report,	\$ 729 63
State insurance tax,	3 75
Railroad tax,	210 62
Savings bank tax,	271 51
Literary fund,	58 50
School fund,	533 95
Roscoe G. Greene, collector for 1915,	7,042 31
M. E. Nickerson, Holt case,	76 50
M. E. Nickerson, from state,	7 12
W. G. Loud, forest fire money,	62 92
Mrs. J. E. Burke, balance memorial fund,	4 65
W. G. Loud, from Ernest Nelson, damage to E. S. Nickerson's sheep,	5 00
W. G. Loud, maintenance of state road,	91 38
J. H. Burke, from Ernest Nelson, sheep damage,	10 00
J. H. Burke, from Carl Grace, sheep damage,	13 30
Selectmen, forest fire money,	19 00
Selectmen, from Ernest Nelson, sheep damage,	10 00
Selectmen, money from Walter Kennett, on account of oiling road,	34 72
S. D. Gilman, town clerk; dog license,	75 60
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	\$9,260 46

## DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	\$ 776 00
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<b>Order No.</b>	
224 Samuel A. Hidden, county tax,	\$ 644 65

## ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL TREASURER.

132 Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	\$ 300 00
201 Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	300 00
204 Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	200 00
207 Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	250 00
232 Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	500 00
266 Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	250 00
286 Sidney D. Gilman, school treasurer,	735 25
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	\$2,535 25

## POND BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

<b>Order No.</b>	
223 H. C. Harriman, paint and painting girders,	\$ 2 90
130 J. H. Burke, paid to J. E. Burke, labor,	2 50
185 The United Construction Co., stringer for bridge,	74 00
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	\$ 79 40

## BREAKING ROADS.

<b>Order No.</b>	
2 I. C. Kennett,	\$ 50 00
3 Raymond Hodgdon,	19 68
9 I. C. Kennett,	20 00

28	W. G. Loud,	28 00
13	Chas. Littlefield,	15 00
14	T. C. Pearson,	4 50
15	S. O. Huckins,	4 50
16	Frank Brooks,	10 00
22	B. F. Bickford,	35 00
23	Albert Bickford,	28 00
24	Sumner Bickford,	28 00
25	Fred Bickford,	24 50
27	Mark Nickerson,	31 50
39	E. E. Kennett,	21 00
40	W. G. Loud,	4 00
41	Henry Harmon,	20 50
45	W. E. Granville,	12 00
66	H. E. Chick,	15 00
77	Arthur Balch,	20 50
78	J. W. Tyler,	5 00
79	W. J. Pascoe,	3 00
208	F. E. Lyman,	4 50
247	I. W. Frost,	16 00
250	E. E. Hoyt,	21 60
259	B. F. Bickford,	4 00
270	Albert Bickford,	4 00
275	F. G. Ward,	26 50
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		\$ 476 28

### REPAIRING STATE ROAD.

E. E. Kennett, Agent, Paid to

**Order No.**

86	Wilbur Harmon, labor,	\$ 9 63
88	Will Jenness,	5 25
89	Otis Bean,	11 38
90	W. G. Loud,	15 00

105	Sumner Bickford,	27 12
126	George Webster,	15 75
127	Otis Bean,	9 63
128	W. G. Loud,	23 00
129	Fred Bickford,	7 00
135	Henry Harmon,	20 25
136	E. E. Kennett,	23 38
187	J. H. Burke, dynamite and caps,	3 35
188	J. H. Burke, gravel for road,	16 80
189	Jacob A. Haines, gravel for road,	1 00
190	J. E. Burke, gravel for road,	3 90
198	W. L. Jenness, labor,	2 15
199	Irving Ambrose,	1 65
200	H. C. Harriman,	3 63
211	H. H. Gilman,	3 50
212	W. L. Jenness,	1 75
214	E. E. Kennett,	48 37
251	H. C. Harriman,	1 75
252	W. L. Jenness,	19 26
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		\$ 300 80

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

B. F. Bickford, Agent.

**Order No.**

85	W. G. Loud,	\$ 4 00
92	I. W. Frost,	4 00
93	F. G. Ward,	2 00
94	J. M. Harmon,	5 25
95	S. F. Stacy,	4 38
96	W. L. Jenness,	2 63
97	E. E. Kennett,	2 00
98	Fred Bickford,	2 00
99	Albert Bickford,	2 13
100	H. C. Harriman,	4 07
91	J. M. Harmon,	26 30

101	J. H. Burke, dynamite and fuse,	3 88
102	Henry Harmon,	9 00
103	N. Schonschieff,	88
106	John Lewis,	28 00
107	Leslie Emerson,	8 75
108	Harry Jones,	24 50
109	Arthur Balch,	15 75
110	Albert Bickford,	32 00
111	B. F. Bickford,	44 37
112	Fred Bickford,	39 24
113	W. E. Granville,	3 87
124	J. F. Chick, bridge plank,	3 82
133	W. G. Loud,	5 75
168	W. G. Loud,	2 00
176	John Lewis,	5 25
177	Leslie Emerson,	3 50
178	B. F. Bickford,	14 00
179	Fred Bickford,	5 25
180	Albert Bickford,	7 50
181	Sumner Bickford,	9 75
182	Arthur Balch,	3 50
183	T. C. Pearson,	7 50
184	Harry James,	3 50
197	W. E. Granville,	5 50
234	John Lewis,	7 00
235	Fred Bickford,	1 75
236	B. F. Bickford,	8 75
255	Albert Bickford,	1 75
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		\$ 338 77

### H. C. Harriman, Agent.

#### Order No.

59	S. O. Huckins, bridge plank,	\$ 14 53
60	I. W. Frost, labor,	9 25

61	F. G. Ward,	10 75
62	J. M. Harmon,	3 50
63	W. L. Jenness,	8 75
64	Otis Bean,	7 00
65	Steve Stacy,	7 42
67	N. Schonschieff,	7 00
68	B. F. Bickford,	22 00
69	Albert Bickford,	23 37
70	E. E. Kennett,	24 00
72	Steve Stacy,	3 95
73	Ira Ward,	5 50
74	Jesse Harmon,	87
75	J. H. Colbert, bridge plank,	7 05
76	H. C. Harriman, labor,	23 75
114	W. L. Jenness,	9 62
115	Steve Stacy	87
116	N. Schonschieff,	4 47
117	J. M. Harmon,	5 00
118	B. F. Bickford,	2 00
119	Albert Bickford,	2 13
120	Raymond Ambrose,	1 75
121	Chester Russell,	1 75
122	J. O. Gerry, bridge plank,	4 50
123	H. C. Harriman, labor,	14 87
125	E. E. Kennett,	6 00
131	James Hurd,	6 13
137	J. M. Harmon,	14 00
138	R. P. Thurston,	11 50
139	James Hurd,	9 75
158	Frank Moore,	3 50
159	E. E. Kennett,	10 00
160	J. L. Frost,	4 00
161	I. W. Frost,	2 75
162	Jesse Hurd,	4 00
163	W. L. Jenness,	4 50
164	Raymond Ambrose,	10 75

165	Wilbur Harmon,	5 00
166	H. H. Gilman,	7 00
167	H. C. Harriman,	14 75
169	H. C. Harriman, dynamite, fuse, railing and spikes,	14 09
174	Otis Bean, labor,	1 75
175	Willis Twombly,	3 50
186	Jesse Hurd,	25 00
213	E. E. Kennett,	11 00
215	I. W. Frost,	10 50
216	Otis Bean,	87
217	Mary F. Schmitt,	2 00
218	Martha Blaisdell,	2 00
219	Geo. W. Hayes,	3 00
220	J. O. Gerry, bridge plank,	11 06
221	H. H. Gilman, labor,	18 37
222	H. C. Harriman,	6 35
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		\$ 448 77

### H. E. Drew, Agent.

#### Order No.

29	Coller Robbins, labor,	\$ 22 00
30	Lawrence Stuart,	20 00
31	Albert Drew,	16 00
32	Chester Savory,	10 50
33	Chas. Mason,	8 75
34	Herbert Frost,	5 00
35	N. K. Forrest,	21 00
36	J. E. Burke,	18 00
37	H. E. Drew,	33 00
46	Costello Robbins,	8 00
47	Lawrence Stewart,	13 00
48	Chester Savory,	6 13
49	David Hagar,	11 50

50	Chas. Mason,	3 50
51	N. K. Forrest,	10 50
52	Chas. Lyman,	7 01
53	Herbert Frost,	4 00
54	Ernest Brown,	1 00
55	H. E. Drew,	29 00
56	Albert Drew,	9 00
82	H. E. Drew, steel culvert,	18 90
140	N. K. Forrest, labor,	17 00
141	J. E. Burke,	18 00
142	J. F. Chick,	9 00
143	Ernest Brown,	2 00
144	Chester Savory,	5 25
145	Roger Quint,	8 75
146	Horace Thompson,	3 50
147	Frank Moore,	7 00
148	James Hurd,	2 00
149	R. P. Thurston,	2 00
150	L. L. Stewart,	2 00
151	Orestes Long,	2 50
152	Charles Sewell,	1 75
153	Charles Lyman,	1 75
154	Forrest Chick and Son,	7 00
155	J. E. Chesley,	2 00
156	H. E. Drew,	24 00
157	J. H. Burke,	3 00
170	J. H. Burke,	8 59
192	J. L. Frost,	13 50
193	Frank Moore,	5 25
194	I. W. Frost,	6 00
195	H. E. Drew,	11 00
239	H. E. Drew,	10 00
238	R. P. Thurston,	2 00
238½	Joshua Chesley, bridge stringers,	1 50
256	Jesse Kennett,	4 50
		\$ 456 63

**Various Agents.****Order No.**

17	George F. Littlefield, labor,	\$ 1 30
84	Costello Robbins, (at quarry),	17 75
209	Victor Staples,	15 00
225	Costello Robbins,	1 00
254	Wm. M. Salter,	10 00
206	W. G. Loud,	2 00
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		\$ 47 05
240	Mark E. Nickerson, cutting bushes,	9 25
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		\$ 56 30

**FOREST FIRES.****Order No.**

71	J. E. Burke, warden,	\$ 31 25
173	J. E. Burke, warden,	6 75
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		\$ 38 00

**BUILDING NEW STATE ROAD.****Order No.**

202	J. W. Tyler,	\$ 205 80
230	J. W. Tyler,	199 78
231	J. W. Tyler,	96 73
258	J. W. Tyler,	138 02
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		\$ 640 33

**TOWN OFFICERS.**

44	W. G. Loud, services as selectman,	\$ 40 00
196	W. G. Loud, services as selectman,	10 00

281	W. G. Loud, services as selectman,	20 00
134	Henry Harmon, services as selectman,	35 00
282	Henry Harmon, services as selectman,	30 00
285	J. H. Burke, services as selectman,	50 00
284	H. E. Chick, services as selectman,	10 00
8	J. H. Burke, services as auditor,	3 00
278	R. G. Greene, services as collector,	40 00
289	S. J. Gilman, services as treasurer,	25 00
279	S. D. Gilman, services as town clerk and school treasurer,	25 00
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		\$ 288 00

### MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

#### Order No.

4	E. C. Eastman, town supplies,	\$ 80
261	John F. Chick, cement,	1 80
274	E. E. Kennett, sawing wood at town hall,	75
273	Mrs. B. P. Gerry,	21 00
272	H. H. Gilamn, digging grave for Joseph Foster,	2 50
264	Baltimore, Enamel and Novelty Co., R. R. crossing signs,	3 50
263	H. E. Chick, expenses and running town lines,	4 50
262	W. G. Loud, expenses and running town lines,	7 00
260	M. E. Nickerson, doors and repairing town hall,	30 00
257	J. R. Thompson, housing snow roller,	2 00
253	Susie Greene, care of John Ward lot,	5 00
249	J. W. Tyler, cleaning fish screen,	15 75
244	J. H. Burke, postage and express,	1 08
233	Henry Harmon, wood for town hall,	5 62
229	Forrest Chick and Son, pipe for sign posts,	12 50

228	Forrest Chick and Son, drain pipe,	10 67
227	Forrest Chick and Son, kerosene stove for library,	7 00
226	Forrest Chick and Son, stove for town hall,	15 00
210	Good Roads Machinery Co., culverts,	68 00
172	I. A. Forrest, Old Home Week money,	50 00
171	E. S. Nickerson, damage to sheep,	50 00
104	J. H. Burke, stamps and stationery,	1 75
87	E. L. and R. F. Drew, paid out for Decoration Day,	6 84
83	Good Roads Machinery Co.,	65 80
81	W. G. Loud, stamps, stationery and express,	1 08
43	Mittie P. Burke, cleaning town hall,	1 00
42	Archie Nickerson, state highway money sent to Madison by mistake,	65 80
21	E. C. Eastman, book,	1 63
20	E. S. Nickerson, housing snow roller,	2 00
19	H. W. Hobbs, order book,	2 50
11	H. J. Thurber, inventory slips,	2 25
10	B. C. Snyder, printing town reports,	32 50
18	O. J. Tyler, bounty on hedgehogs,	1 80
80	Henry Harmon, bounty on hedgehogs,	1 00
191	W. G. Loud, bounty on hedgehogs,	2 10
5	Frank A. Gray, bounty on hedgehogs,	1 60
243	J. H. Burke, bounty on hedgehogs,	5 20
271	Albert Bickford, bounty on hedgehogs,	1 00
276	W. G. Martin, medical attendance Harold Wood,	13 00
277	W. G. Martin, reports of births and deaths,	2 50
265	Drs. G. H. and J. Z. Shedd, reports of births,	25
1	L. E. Hall, report of marriages,	2 25
269	J. O. Gerry, making deed,	1 00
237	J. O. Gerry, bridge plank,	4 38

246	J. O. Gerry, bridge plank,	3 50
6	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	15 00
7	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	3 75
26	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	6 25
28	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	5 00
57	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	8 75
203	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	1 25
242	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	6 25
248	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	2 50
268	R. P. Thurston, lodging tramps,	3 75
245	J. H. Burke, goods furnished C. A. Gray,	18 00
205	J. H. Burke, goods furnished C. A. Gray,	21 98
267	J. H. Burke, goods furnished C. A. Gray,	14 00
38	J. H. Burke, goods furnished Frank A. Gray,	20 00
58	J. H. Burke, goods furnished Frank A. Gray,	20 00
290	Fred Frost, paid up note,	80 35
289	Almira Frost, paid up note,	80 35
288	I. W. Frost, paid up note,	290 30
287	E. E. Kennett, paid up note,	228 82
241	J. H. Burke, recording deeds,	1 20
280	Walter Kennett, services as board of health and expenses to Concord,	21 06
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		\$1,385 76

### RECAPITULATION.

Receipts,	\$ 9,260 46
Paid State tax,	\$ 776 00
County tax,	644 65
School treasurer,	2,535 25
Pond bridge,	79 40
Breaking roads,	476 28
Repairing state road,	300 80

Highways and bridges,	1,300	47
Forest fires,	38	00
Building new state road,	640	33
Town officers,	288	00
Miscellaneous bills,	1,385	76
		\$8,464 94
Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1916,		\$ 795 52

SAMUEL J. GILMAN,  
Town Treasurer.

#### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I, Isaac W. Frost, Auditor for the Town of Madison for the financial year ending February 15, 1916, hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

ISAAC W. FROST,  
Auditor.

#### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To Isaac W. Frost, Auditor for the financial year ending February 15, 1916:

In compliance with Chapter 40, Section 10, of the General Laws of the State of New Hampshire, we here-with submit a report of all our financial transactions during the past year with our vouchers therefor, together with a statement of the financial condition of the town.

Total valuation of the town exclusive of saving bank deposits, bonds or town notes,	\$472,419 00
Savings bank deposits,	36,201 33

Resident tax warrant,	4,938 38
Non-resident tax warrant,	2,251 70

**ACCOUNT WITH STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.**

DR.

Insurance tax,	\$ 3 75
Railroad tax due from state,	210 62
Savings bank tax,	271 51
Literary fund,	58 50
Proportion of school fund,	533 95
Paid bounty on hedgehogs,	13 00

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\$1,091 33

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Treasurer's receipt for state tax,	\$ 776 00
Check for balance due town,	302 33
Due from state bounty on hedgehogs,	13 00

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\$ 1,091 33

**ACCOUNT WITH COUNTY OF CARROLL.**

DR.

County tax,	\$ 664 65
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Treasurer's receipt for county tax,	\$ 664 66
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**SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR OF TAXES.**

**Roscoe G. Greene, Collector.**

Resident warrant, 1915,	\$4,938 78
Non-resident warrant, 1915,	2,251 70

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\$7,190 48

### ABATEMENTS MADE AND RECORDED.

Ernest Brown, paid in Albany,	\$ 2 00
George Brown, not in town,	2 00
John Buchanan, not in town,	2 00
Rose A. Gray, not able to pay,	4 35
James O. Gerry, watering trough,	8 00
J. E. Burke, watering trough,	8 00
E. E. Kennett, watering trough,	1 50
	\$27 85

### SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Payments made and charged to town Treas.,	\$7,042 31
Balance due town, February 15, 1916,	119 92
Balance due town, February 15, 1915,	65 02
Balance due town, Feb. 15, 1914,	66 81

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGE MONEY.

Amount raised for summer, 1915,	\$1,200 00
Amount raised for winter, 1915-1916,	450 00
	\$1,650 00
Total amount,	\$1,650 00
Amount paid for breaking roads, 1914-15,	\$ 476 28
Expended on highways and bridges,	1,300 47
Expended on Pond bridge,	79 40

### STATE HIGHWAY MONEY.

Town contribution,	\$ 658 65
State contribution	392 60
	\$1,051 25
Total joint fund,	\$1,051 25
State disbursements,	\$384 19

Town disbursements,	640 33
Balance in state treasury,	8 41
Balance in town treasury,	18 32
Total balance,	\$ 26 73

### MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAY.

Town contribution,	\$ 175 00
State contribution,	182 48
Total joint fund,	\$ 357 48
State disbursements,	\$ 176 23
Town disbursements,	300 80
Balance in state treasury,	\$ 6 25

### FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 15, 1916.

#### ASSETS.

Amount in town treasury, Feb. 15, 1916,	\$ 795 52
Due from Roscoe G. Greene, Feb. 15, 1916,	119 92
Due from Roscoe G. Greene, collector, 1915,	65 02
Due from Roscoe G. Greene, collector, 1914,	66 81
Due from state, for bounty on hedgehogs,	13 00
Cleaning fish screen,	15 75
Total assets,	\$1,076 02

#### LIABILITIES.

Balance of Memorial Day fund,	\$ 22 81
Due John Ward estate,	70 00
Contracted for printing town reports,	32 50
Dog license,	63 90
Balance not expended on Pond bridge,	25 91
Total liabilities,	\$ 215 12

Total assets,	\$ 1,076 02
Total liabilities,	215 12
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Balance over liabilities,	\$ 860 90

WALDO G. LOUD,  
HENRY HARMON,  
HERBERT E. CHICK,  
Selectmen of Madison.

#### **AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.**

I, Isaac W. Frost, Auditor for the town of Madison, for the financial year ending February 15, 1916, hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

ISAAC W. FROST,  
Auditor.

#### **MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

##### **Report for Year Ending February 15, 1916. RECEIPTS.**

Balance in treasury, February 15, 1915,	\$ 15 98
Library tax,	21 00
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	\$ 36 98

#### **DISBURSEMENTS,**

Paid Mrs. Harriman for services as librarian,	\$ 12 00
Paid Miss Merrill for Book of Facts,	5 75

Paid Mrs. John Chick for money advanced on book,	1 00
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	\$18 75
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Balance in treasury, February 15, 1916,	\$ 18 23
Number of books in library,	1,422
Number added in 1915,	24

MINNIE H. GERRY, Treas.,  
HATTIE L. CHICK.

# Report of School Board

TO THE CITIZENS OF MADISON:

In accordance with the usual form and state requirements, we submit the following report of the school district of Madison for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1916.

Our report includes the report of the Superintendent of Schools as well as the financial and statistical data suggested by the State Department and our annual recommendations.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

MRS. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit for your consideration my fourth annual report of the schools of Madison for the year ending February 15, 1916, it being the seventh in the series of such reports.

The regular work of the curriculum has been carried along in much the usual way with a more or less changing emphasis in order to strengthen the work in different subjects when there appeared to be a falling off in efficiency.

Standard tests have been given in all the schools above the third grade in spelling, English and writing. Tests are to be given in arithmetic and paragraph reading as soon as material can be gotten ready. These tests are to be given from time to time to measure and test the efficiency of the schools. By these tests, we shall be able to measure not only the school as a whole but the quality of the teaching and thereby will show whether or not we are getting satisfactory dividends

on our investments. Thus far the results appear very favorable and gratifying to the examiner. The Mason school measured the highest in the supervisory district in spelling and in English. The grading of the writing has not yet been completed.

We are gratified to be able to report that we succeeded in retaining two of our efficient teachers of last year, namely, Miss Manora Tuttle for the Corner school and Mrs. Lena S. Herrick for the Mason school. Miss L. Bessie Parker taught the Nickerson school for the fall term resigning at Thanksgiving time and her place has been filled by Miss Emma B. Ketchen, a Lowell Normal School graduate. The position in the Lake school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Mayola F. Furber, whom we could not induce to return, was filled by Eleanor Cunningham, a Salem Normal School graduate.

Books and supplies have been purchased and furnished as required by law. There have been no changes but some supplementary reading has been purchased treating of various subjects, such as nature study, geographical reading, hygiene, animal stories, etc. The other books have been for reference or to supply those worn out.

The Board of Health is to enforce the compulsory vaccination law. This requires that all children shall be vaccinated in order to attend the public schools. The time has been extended till not later than the opening of the fall term of school in 1916. I hope that every parent will look after this matter so that there will be no delay on the part of any child in not being prepared to attend school on the first day. A certificate of vaccination will be required of every child on entering school in the fall if he has not already filed one with the Board of Health through the schools since January 1, 1916.

The children at the Lake school gave a very successful entertainment and with the funds purchased screen-doors and window screens for the school house, paid a part for redressing the school desks, purchased a bird book and flower book (both with colored plates) and a pencil sharpener for the use of the school.

The pupils at the Corner school, with money earned by entertainments, have purchased play ground apparatus consisting of see-saws, swings, croquet, etc., a paper cutter and a pencil sharpener. They have, I understand, other projects in mind for the betterment of the school. The teacher and pupils deserve a vote of thanks for what they have accomplished.

The playground apparatus has been much enjoyed by the members of this school. Play is very valuable for it is the one activity in which the whole child takes part. Playground apparatus is a valuable asset to any school. Through the supervised recess, with simple apparatus, pupils may be taught how to play wholesome games and thus make their school life more valuable.

Two of our school houses have no school grounds on which children can play. The highway and the neighbor's field offer the only opportunity for free play with no place for apparatus if it should be secured. This is an injustice to child life. Along with the mental work of the school, there should be offered a chance for free play on ample grounds which the child can use without fear of trespassing. Directed and free play are as much a part of an education and as important as is any subject in the curriculum. By the proper use of play, a child is prepared to do more and better mental work. Let us hope that means many be provided for some playground apparatus for all the schools in town, and where there is no suitable playground let

us hope that the district will take action to see that such is provided. A teacher's desk has been purchased for the Nickerson school and a book case and chairs for the Lake school.

At the present time, we have seven pupils attending secondary schools. For five of these, the district pays tuition. There were several others who completed the work of the grammar school but for various reasons, were not able to attend a high school this year. We hope that some of these will find it possible to go farther in their school work and not be content to rest with simply a grammar school education.

#### REPAIRS.

A few needed repairs have been made during the year; viz., the Mason school building has been shingled, painted and papered inside, the windows repaired, desks varnished and a new stove purchased; the Nickerson school house has been painted and ceiling and desks varnished; a new hardwood floor has been laid in the Corner school building and the desks varnished; a hardwood floor laid at the Lake school, the desks scraped and redressed and the woodwork painted and wall tinted. Some grading has been done at the Lake school to fill up the hollows in front of the steps where water stood for several days after every rain. The remainder of the repairs have been of minor importance.

#### NEEDED REPAIRS.

The Mason school house needs a new floor, the underpinning repaired, some new out-buildings and a wood shed. The building is very poorly lighted having low, small windows on three sides. The windows should not be on more than two sides, (left and rear,) better only one, and as near the ceiling as is possible.

The glass surface should equal from one-fifth to one-fourth of the floor space. Why not take this building and make it into a modern rural school building? This school has increased in numbers since it was opened and the quality of the work is of good grade. It is only just that these children should have a more comfortable school home.

All the school rooms should have jacketed stoves. They are not expensive and will pay a big dividend on the investment by giving the children greater comfort in their school homes which leads naturally to more and better work from the pupils.

The lighting as well as the heating is defective in all of the school buildings and very unsatisfactory for the best work and comfort of the pupils. Why not take at least one building a year and make the lighting, heating, ventilation and toilet conditions as they should be? I sincerely hope that the district will take this matter under serious consideration for the purpose and take positive action at the annual meeting.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The attendance for the fall term of 1915 was not as good as a year ago owing to the inability of a few to attend regularly. Last year, owing to our high percentage of attendance, we got from the state an increase of \$28.50 making \$109.50 for average attendance instead of \$81 as the year before. Does it not pay for parents to make an effort to have their children in school?

The following data taken from the reports to the State Department for the years ending July 15th, has some interest for the citizens as a matter of comparison:

1912 per cent. of attendance was 85 with 379 tardy marks.

1913 per cent. of attendance was 88.08 with 382 tardy marks.

1914 per cent. of attendance was 92.04 with 364 tardy marks.

1915 per cent. of attendance was 94.91 with 180 tardy marks.

It is interesting to note the increase in the per cent. of attendance from year to year and that the number of tardy marks have been cut in halves in four years and at the same time the school year has increased from thirty weeks to thirty-six and one-half weeks. The last is in some measure made possible from the extra money received from the state from increased attendance and approved teachers.

The better attendance, less tardiness and longer year account, in some measure for the greater efficiency in our schools. Our percentage of attendance has probably reached about its high water mark. It is possible to raise it a little higher but not as much as in other years from the nature of the situation. We must keep on striving or else we shall go back and that will never do for what we have once attained we must keep. This we can do with cooperation on the part of the parents.

I think some of our good attendance is due to the fact that the schools open early in the fall and continuing late in the spring, having the longest vacation during the season of bad roads and inclement weather. I have observed that our poorest attendance is during the winter terms.

I am inclined to believe that if our school buildings could be properly screened better and more satisfactory results could be secured if the schools should begin earlier than now and close about the same time, namely, July first.

### Roll of Honor.

Pupils who have a perfect record for year ending July 15, 1915:

Dorothy Frost,  
B. Louise Frost,  
Lula Frost,  
Willie Frost,  
Frances A. Hurd,  
Madeline E. Martin,  
Elson A. Ward.

Number of pupils with a perfect record by terms and by schools for the year ending July 15, 1915.

School	Fall Term	Winter Term	Spring Term
Corner	6	8	16
Lake	6	8	9
Mason	2	0	8
Nickerson	5	2	8

### ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

I wish to call the attention of the parents to the regulation adopted by the School Board previous to the annual report of 1914, namely, "Pupils shall be regularly admitted to the first grade during the first three weeks of the school year only, it being understood that a child of six years of age or who shall attain that age during the calendar year is eligible for admission."

Note. The school year begins with the fall term and ends with the close of the spring term.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S TIME.

I have given assistance, suggestions and directions to the teachers at the time of my visits or in writing as the situation required.

I have made eighty-two visits to the schools. During the year, I have attended three teachers' institutes,

taking part in one, two meetings of the Educational Council, State Teachers' Association, two meetings of superintendents, and took three courses in education at Dartmouth College Summer School. My professional reading and study has been along lines of recent investigation and experiments for school betterment. The best results of this study, I have endeavored to make use of in our own school system as far as is possible.

My time, in the supervisory district, has been divided as last year, namely, one-eighth each to Madison, Bartlett Special and Bartlett Town and five-eighth to Conway.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

Transportation has been furnished as follows: for pupils attending Conway village school from the Taskeer neighborhood; partial transportation, for the Littlefield and Hoyte girls from East Madison; transportation on stormy days for the Schonchieff boy and the smallest Ward boy; and for the winter term, transportation of the Hurd girl who lives on the Conway road. All of these live a long distance from school.

The law says: "School Boards may use a portion of the school money, not exceeding twenty-five per cent. for the purpose of conveying scholars to and from school."

It will be seen that the matter of transportation is left entirely at the discretion of the school boards.

#### LABOR CERTIFICATES.

One labor certificate has been issued in the Madison school district the past year.

#### CONCLUSION.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend to all my hearty thanks for the assistance and cooperation in so

many ways which have made possible our school record for the past year. May we not look for better results in the future by closer cooperation. In union there is strength.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,  
Superintendent of Schools.

North Conway, N. H., Feb. 1, 1916.

### STATISTICS.

Number of children in town between 5 and 16 years,	100
(Boys, 58; Girls, 42.)	
Total number registered October 30, 1915,	78
Average number of weeks in the school year,	36.5
Average daily attendance of all schools together,	70
Average daily absence,	3.67
Average membership,	73.67
Per cent. of attendance,	94.91
Number of pupils not absent or tardy during the year,	7
Number of cases of tardiness,	180
Number of pupils who completed the work of the eighth grade,	8
Number attending high school for which tuition is paid by town,	5

### FINANCES.

Report of fiscal year ending February 15, 1916.

### REVENUE.

Balance from last year,	\$ 888 08
Amount required by law for school purposes,	757 50
Additional amount voted by District, Mar. 1915,	700 00

Amount assessed for books and supplies,	75 00
Amount assessed to pay high school tuition,	50 00
Amount assessed for salaries of district officers,	150 00
Amount assessed for repairs,	150 00
Amount literary fund from the state,	58 50
Amount received from state for superintendent,	103 13
Amount received from state for approved teachers,	292 00
Amount received for average attendance,	109 50
Amount received from state, H. S. tuition rebate,	29 32
Amount received from dog licenses, April, 1915,	60 30
 Total revenue,	 \$3,423 33

## EXPENDITURES.

Text books,	\$ 54 31
Scholars' supplies,	37 70
Teachers' salaries,	1,612 50
Superintendent,	206 25
School Board, services and expenses,	30 00
Truant officer and enumeration of children,	5 00
Other district officers,	7 00
High school tuition,	146 67
Elementary tuition,	96 00
Repairs,	320 99
Transportation,	176 25
Janitor service,	41 85
Fuel,	46 29
Unclassified expenses (stationery, stamps, etc.),	16 94
New equipment,	52 60
 Total expenditures,	 \$2,850 35
Balance on hand,	\$ 572 98

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

In accordance with Chapter 52 Session Laws of 1909, we recommend the following as amounts required for the year 1916, for the various items enumerated:

Amount required by law,	\$ 727 50
For books and supplies,	75 00
For high school tuition,	200 00
	<hr/> \$1,002 50

### ADDITIONAL.

For general school expenses,	\$ 650 00
For all district officers,	150 00
For repairs and remodelling,	150 00
	<hr/> \$ 950 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,952 50

The district must raise by taxation for all purposes in order to get State Aid, \$1,615.55.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA A. GILMAN,  
WILBUR G. MARTIN,  
ERNEST E. KENNEDY,

School Board of Madison.

### SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### For the Current Year.

Received from the town treasurer, balance in treasury as per last report,	\$888 08
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#### DISBURSEMENTS.

##### Order No.

1	Frank D. Frost, sawing wood,	\$ 2 25
2	Conway School District, tuition,	24 00
3	A. J. Knowlton, services,	17 19
4	S. H. Gilman, labor on Madison Corner	

	school house,	12 50
5	Martha A. Long, transportation,	38 50
6	Frank D. Frost, labor on wood,	1 00
7	Raymond Ambrose, sawing wood,	2 25
8	Geo. W. Willey, carting two desks from Quarry school house to Silver Lake,	1 25
9	A. J. Knowlton, services,	17 18
10	John Stillings, labor, Madison Corner school house,	15 00
11	J. E. Chesley, labor on Silver Lake school house,	31 75
12	J. R. Thompson, labor on Silver Lake school house,	15 00
13	Atkinson, Mentzer & Co., teachers' plan form,	1 20
14	Mayola Furber, teaching,	48 00
15	L. Bessie Parker, teaching,	42 00
16	Manora Tuttle, teaching,	48 00
17	Lena Herrick, teaching,	42 00
18	Forrest Chick and Son, supplies,	13 00
19	Gilman Bros., paints, varnish, etc.,	49 79
20	Elwin Drew, labor on school yard at Silver Lake,	5 00
21	School District of Milton, tuition,	60 00
22	U. S. Ink Wells Co., ink wells,	2 61
23	Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies,	4 30
24	Little, Brown & Co., books,	6 24
25	A. J. Knowlton, services,	17 18
26	F. B. Nason, labor on Nickerson and Madison Corner school houses,	34 53
27	William Jenness, cleaning vault,	1 00
28	American Book Co., books,	3 16
29	Houghton, Mifflin Co., books,	1 94
30	Edward E. Babb, school supplies,	4 06
31	Benj. H. Sanborn, books,	2 92
32	Ginn & Co., books,	1 35

33	Chas. K. Reed,	1 85
34	Mayola Furber, teaching,	48 00
35	Manora Tuttle, teaching,	48 00
36	L. Bessie Parker, teaching,	42 00
37	Lena Herrick, teaching,	42 00
38	Fred Bickford, cleaning vault,	1 50
39	Mayola Furber, teaching four weeks,	48 00
40	Manora Tuttle, teaching four weeks,	48 00
41	L. Bessie Parker, teaching five weeks,	52 50
42	Lena Herrick, teaching five weeks,	52 50
43	A. J. Knowlton, services two months,	34 38
44	Conway School District, tuition,	22 00
45	Martha S. Long, transportation of scholars,	38 50
46	J. F. Chick, building material,	63 12
47	W. G. Loud, wood and fitting,	10 50
48	W. L. Jenness, mowing Madison school yard,	1 50
49	A. J. Knowlton, services two months,	34 38
50	Forrest Chick & Son, stove and supplies for Madison Corner school house,	13 85
51	J. H. Burke, wood for schools,	22 04
52	Milton, Bradley Co., supplies,	21 34
53	W. L. Jenness, cleaning vault,	1 00
54	Fred Bickford, cleaning vault,	1 50
55	L. Bessie Parker, teaching,	42 00
56	Elinor Cunningham, teaching,	44 00
57	Manora Tuttle, teaching,	48 00
58	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	42 00
59	Edson C. Eastman, order books and postage,	2 31
60	Elwin Drew, cleaning vault,	3 00
61	Elinor Cunningham, teaching,	44 00
62	Manora Tuttle, teaching,	48 00
63	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	42 00
64	L. Bessie Parker, teaching,	42 00
65	A. J. Knowlton, services,	17 19

66	A. J. Knowlton, services,	17 19
67	Henry B. Bacon, tuition for C. L. Gilman,	13 33
68	Mrs. W. L. Jenness, cleaning Madison and Silver Lake school houses and oiling floors,	5 50
69	Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies,	1 45
70	Benj. H. Sanborn, books,	3 89
71	American Book Co., books,	1 02
72	Houghton, Mifflin Co., R. L. S. Linen,	58
73	Atkinson, Mentzer & Co., teachers' plan form,	2 50
74	Ginn & Co., books,	3 32
75	Edward E. Babb & Co., books,	23 09
76	O. D. Case Co., one double desk and seat,	4 13
77	J. B. Clark Co., 15 copies of N. H. State Constitution,	1 25
78	W. G. Martin, transportation of school desk,	79
79	F. B. Mason, work on Mason school house,	19 20
80	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	42 00
81	L. Bessie Parker, teaching,	42 00
82	Manora Tuttle, teaching,	48 00
83	Elinor Cunningham, teaching,	44 00
84	Mrs. Joel Harmon, cleaning Nickerson school house,	2 00
85	Wm. F. Webber, shingling Mason school house,	7 50
86	B. F. Bickford, wood,	5 00
87	W. G. Loud, labor,	3 50
88	E. E. Kennett, labor,	3 00
89	Sumner Bickford, labor,	7 00
90	Benj. H. Sanborn, books,	2 36
91	Houghton, Mifflin Co., linen,	70
92	Conway School District, tuition,	28 00
93	A. J. Knowlton, one month's services,	17 18

94	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	42 00
95	School District of Milton, tuition,	60 00
96	N. Shonscheiff, transportation,	3 75
97	Arthur Leavitt, building fires,	2 00
98	Manora Tuttle, teaching,	48 00
99	Elinor Cunningham, teaching,	44 00
100	E. B. Ketchen, teaching,	44 00
101	Martha A. Long, transportation,	49 00
102	Arthur Leavitt, building fires,	1 00
103	Elinor Cunningham, teaching,	44 00
104	E. B. Ketchen, teaching,	44 00
105	Lena S. Herrick, teaching,	42 00
106	Mrs. B. Bickford, cleaning windows,	60
107	J. F. Chick, lumber for Mason school house,	27 62
108	Henry B. Bacon, tuition for C. L. Gilman,	13 34
109	Edward E. Babb & Co., books,	1 89
110	S. A. Courtis, Courtis tests,	1 60
111	A. J. Knowlton, services two months,	34 38
112	A. J. Knowlton, postage, telephone, sta- tionery, express, etc.,	7 00
113	Manora Tuttle, teaching,	48 00
114	Forrest Chick & Son, teachers' desk and book case,	25 75
115	Manora Tuttle, teaching,	48 00
116	Elinor Cunningham, teaching,	44 00
117	Lena S. Herrick, teaching three weeks,	31 50
118	E. B. Ketchen, teaching,	44 00
119	Lena S. Herrick, building fires and labor,	6 25
120	Elson A. Wood, building fires,	6 00
121	Willie Frost, building fires,	3 00
122	Stanley Thurston, building fires,	6 00
123	G. W. Hayes, transportation,	24 00
124	S. D. Gilman, services as treasurer,	5 00
125	Hattie Chick, services as clerk,	2 00

126	R. G. Greene, services as truant officer,	5 00
127	E. E. Kennett, services as member of school board,	10 00
128	W. G. Martin, services as member of school board,	10 00
129	Edna A. Gilman, stamps and stationery,	2 00
130	J. E. Burke, 1/2 cord dry wood,	2 50
131	Conway School District, tuition,	22 00
132	Edson C. Eastman, school warrants,	63
133	Edna A. Gilman, services as member of school board,	10 00
134	Mrs. Olive Hurd, transportation,	22 50
135	Gilman Bros., building supplies,	17 70
136	Willie Frost, sawing wood and putting same in shed,	75
137	Edna A. Gilman, clerical expenses,	5 00
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		\$2,850 35
	Balance in bank, Feb. 16, 1916,	\$ 572 98
	SYDNEY D. GILMAN,	
	School Treasurer.	

#### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I, Isaac W. Frost, Auditor for the Town of Madison, N. H., for the financial year ending Feb. 15, 1916, hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it carefully cast and properly vouched.

ISAAC W. FROST,  
Auditor.

# VITAL STATISTICS.

To THE SELECTMEN:—In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following:

## BIRTHS.

Date	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition		Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Living or Female Stillborn					
APR 5	Raymond	Male	"	GEO A Withers	White	Conway	New Brunswick	Conway
27	Newell L	Female	"	Albion Twombly	Madison	Madison	Boston Mass	Boston Mass
May 2	Helen	Male	"	Jesse B Hurd	"	Butcher	Standish Me	Freedom
May 30	Chester	Female	"	Ellebeau Fickett	"	Laborer	Madison	Cambridge M'ss
June 8	Gladys H	Male	"	Fred P Lyman	"	Clerk	"	Nova Scotia
Sept 13	Mabel L	Female	"	Ernest Frost	"	Laborer	"	Ossipee
26	Albert F	Male	"	W E Granville	"	"	"	Nova Scotia
Oct 6		Female	"	Zantford Savary	"	Carpenter	Nova Scotia	Albany
Dec 7	Geo Alfred	Male	"	David E Hogan	"	Laborer	West Milian	Madison
30		Female	"	Frank Bickford	"	Farmer	Alton	Madison
			"	Theodore Pearson	"	"	West Campton	Cambridge M'ss
			"	Carrie Smith	"	Laborer	Madison	Madison
			"	Alfred Webster	Mary Nickerson	"		

# MARRIAGES

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride and Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in Years Color of Hair Occupation of Groom and Bride	Birthplace of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Mc 24	Conway	Fred S Jackson Madison Conway	18 9 Laborer	Conway	Daniel D Jackson Tamworth	A T Hillman c	
		Hazel M Remick Madison Conway	17 17 Housework	Brookfield Me	Henry J Remick	Brookfield, Me	
May 31	Tamworth	James M Lane Madison	25 Laborer	Albany	Henry S Lane	Albany	H E Wyman c
		Clara A Fickett Madison	16 Housework	Madison	Augustus Fickett	Standish Me	
June 16	Alton	Geo E Chick Madison	23 Millman	Madison	John F Chick	Madison	Ephraim W Ricker c
		Majorie L Twombly	20 Teacher	Alton	C A Twombly	Alton	
20	Madison	John Harold Colcord	24 Farmer	Effingham	John M Colcord	Parsonfield Me	John T Clow c
		Thirje Emma Harmon	23 Teacher	Madison	Daniel Harmon	Madison	
30	Hollis Me	Ernest L Harriman	22 Bookkeeper	Alton	Darius Harriman	Eaton	C W Nash
		Leona M Parker	20 Teacher	Burton Me	Wm H Parker	Burton Me	

## DEATHS.

Date	Name of Deceased	Age Years Months Days	Place of Birth		Sex and Condition		Occupation	Father	Mother	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Name of Mother	Maiden Name
			Male	Female	Single or Married or Widowed	Father				Father	Mother			
July 25	Robert Kallock	60	Rockland Me	Male	Married	Warren Mc	Kennebunk M	Robert Kallock	Olive Cromwell					
Nov 30	Edith L Taylor	32	Darboise Pa	Female	"	Whitefield Mc	Williamsport	Bradford King	Clara L Fassy					
Dec 30	Albina C Harmon	73	Tamworth	"	"	Ossipee	Ossipee	B F Wentworth	Mary Roberts					

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true transcript of all the Births, Marriages and Deaths that have been reported to me for the year ending December 31, 1915.

SYDNEY D. GILMAN, Town Clerk.



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